

# **\*\*\*\* TEACHERS WORKSHOP\*\*\*\***

## **The African American Military Experience: Buffalo Soldiers to Integration of the Armed Forces**

Dates: Evening of December 5, and December 6, all day

Time: December 5, 7:00-8:00 p.m. December 6, 8:00 am.-5:00 p.m.

Registration: December 5, 6:30-7:00 p.m. December 6, 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Location: The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas

Registration Fee: This workshop is offered free of charge.

Sponsored by: Kansas State University's Institute for Military History and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Studies, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, and the Eisenhower Foundation

This workshop will focus on African Americans who served their country from the Buffalo Soldiers through the immediate post-WWII period. Teachers who attend will have an opportunity to increase their knowledge base and enhance their classroom instruction on this topic.

Teachers attending the workshop will:

- Trace the history of the African American military experience from the post-Civil War period to the integration of the Armed Forces.
- Consider the history of the Buffalo Soldiers within the broader context of the American West.
- Hear personal accounts from African American veterans.
- Examine General and President Eisenhower's record on the issue of desegregation of the armed forces.
- Consider how best to integrate the topic into the history or social studies curriculum.
- Examine educational resources.
- Earn graduate credit in history\*.

Workshop Highlights:

- William Leckie, Ph.D. and Shirley Leckie, Ph.D., authors of *The Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Black Cavalry in the West*
- William Dobak, Ph.D., author of *The Black Regulars, 1866-1898*.
- James Leiker, Ph.D., author, *Racial Borders*.
- Ron McCoy, Ph.D., Professor of History and former director, Center for Great Plains Studies, Emporia State University
- Edwin Bailey, Ph.D., Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society
- Major George Knapp, retired soldier, former instructor of history at the Command and General Staff College, and Vietnam veteran .
- Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors have been invited to perform.

For additional information and to register for the workshop, contact the Eisenhower Library at 877-RING IKE or by email at [kim.barbieri@nara.gov](mailto:kim.barbieri@nara.gov).

\*Teachers wishing to earn graduate credit must enroll and pay credit hour fees onsite.

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